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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
Yukiko ISHIKAWA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/613,990 :  
FILED: JULY 8, 2003 :  
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING TARGET SUBSTANCE BY FERMENTATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.